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SUBJ: NEW JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TO IVORY COAST, KENJI YASUDA

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1. CONGEN'S FILE ALSO SCANT BUT YASUDA AND WIFE HAVE BEEN VERY FRIENDLY. EACH SPEAKS VERY GOOD FRENCH. ENGLISH FACILITY OF EACH IS LIMITED, HIS MUCH BETTER THAN HER'S BUT SHE HAS BEEN TAKING INFORMAL LESSONS HERE.

2. YASUDA GIVES INITIAL IMPRESSION OF TYPICAL LOW-KEY RESERVE BUT RELAXES INTO MODERATE ANIMATION AT SMALL INFORMAL PARTIES. SHE IS VERY VIVACIOUS, OUTGOING, ALWAYS SMARTLY DRESSED, AND LOUDER THAN AVERAGE JAPANESE WOMAN.

3. HE HAS BEEN VERY CONCERNED AND MOST COOPERATIVE ABOUT MUTUAL SECURITY PROBLEMS, E.G., DISCUSSING HIMSELF WITH CG AND SENDING CONSULAR CHIEF TO OFFER ASSISTANCE TO US CONSEC CHIEF ON PROBLEMS THAT COULD ARISE DURING EMPEROR'S VISIT. BELIEVE POST CAN EXPECT HIM TO BE OPEN AND HELPFUL ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERN.
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